

01 > receiving an order specification from said member site at said center site and transmitting said order specification to an order destination member site based on contents of said open business information database.

14. An electronic business transaction system, comprising:
a center site;
a plurality of member sites; and
a network which connects said center site and said member sites to each other,
wherein said center site comprises:
an open business information database which stores information of open businesses issued by said member sites to find business partners,
means for receiving a request from a member site to access contents of said open business information database, and
means for receiving an order specification from said member site and transmitting said order specification to an order destination member site based on contents of said open business information database.

Please add new claims 15 and 16 as follows:

01 02 > 15. A method of achieving electronic business transactions in an electronic business transaction system including a plurality of member sites, a center site, and a network to connect the member sites and the center site to each other, said method comprising:
storing information of open businesses issued by a plurality of member sites to find business partners in an open business information database in said center site;

receiving a request from a member site to access contents of said open business information database stored in said center site;
receiving an order specification from said member site at said center site; and
receiving a request from an order destination member site to access said order specification at said center site so as to respond to said order specification based on contents of said open business information database stored in said center site.

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16. An electronic business transaction system, comprising:

- a center site;
- a plurality of member sites; and
- a network which connects said center site and said member sites to each other, wherein said center site comprises:
 - an open business information database which stores information of open businesses issued by said member sites to find business partners,
 - means for receiving a request from a member site to access contents of said open business information database, and
 - means for receiving an order specification from said member site at said center site,
 - means for receiving a request from an order destination member site to access said order specification at said center site so as to respond to said order specification based on contents of said open business information database stored in said center site. --